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Decline in Production of Mining Sector
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mining sector has started experiencing a decline in production thereby affecting the manufacturing sector;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
(c) the steps taken/to be taken to improve the situation?

Answer

(a): No, Madam. The index of MCDR minerals (coming under the purview of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988) has shown growth of 12.6% in 2015-16 comparison to that of the previous year. The average index of MCDR minerals for the period of April to May 2016-17 has increased by 17.8% as compared to the same period of the previous year. The Index of MCDR mineral production is given below:

(Base Year: 2004-05=100)

Mineral Group	Full Year	Percentage of increase	Average Index	Percentage of increase
	2014-15(R)	2015-16(P)	April-May 2015-16	April-May 2016-17
MCDR Minerals	109.5	123.2	12.6	117.3	138.2	17.8

(R): Revised; (P): Provisional; Source: Indian Bureau of Mines

(b) and (c): Does not arise in view of the reply given to (a) above.